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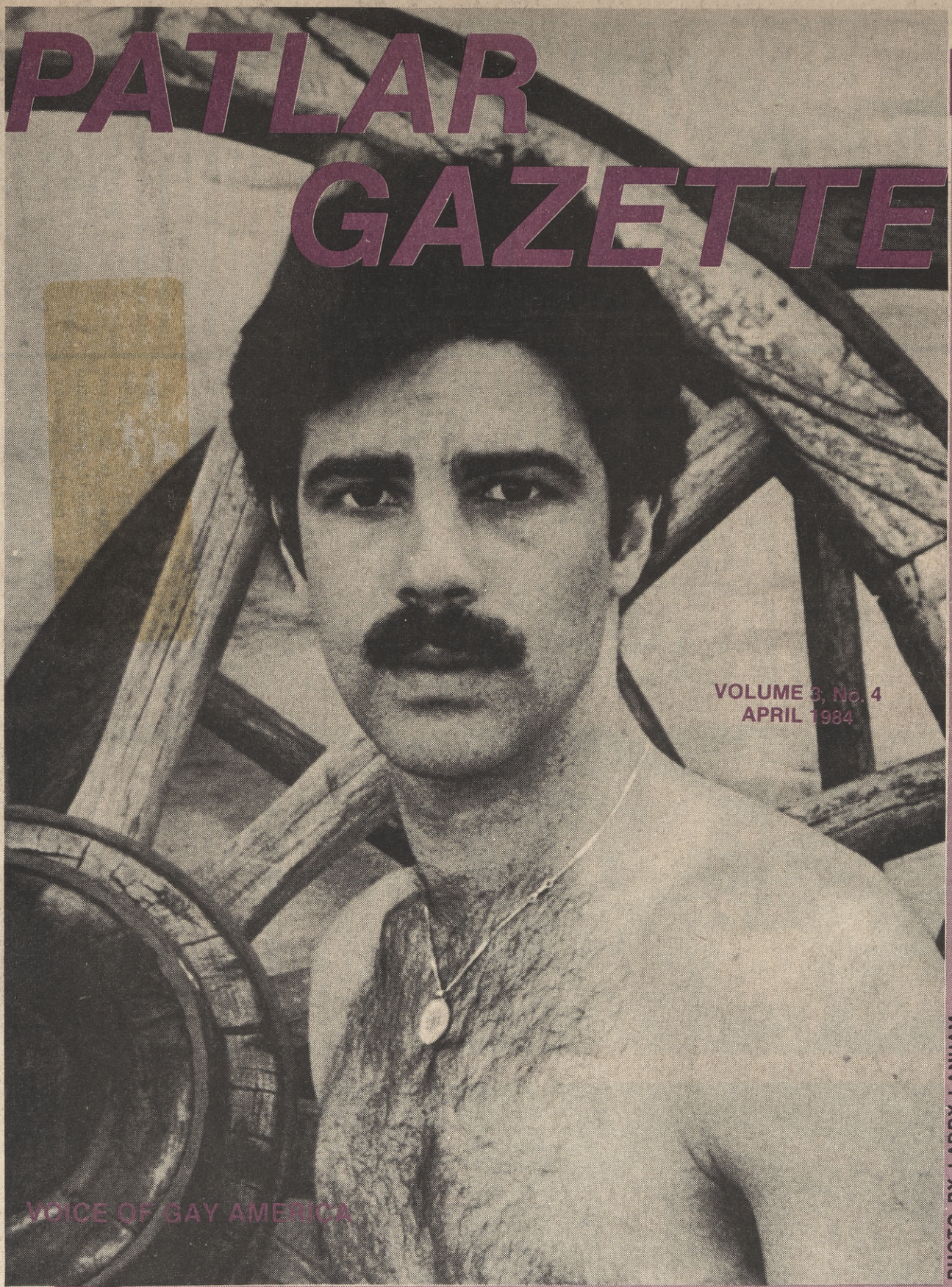

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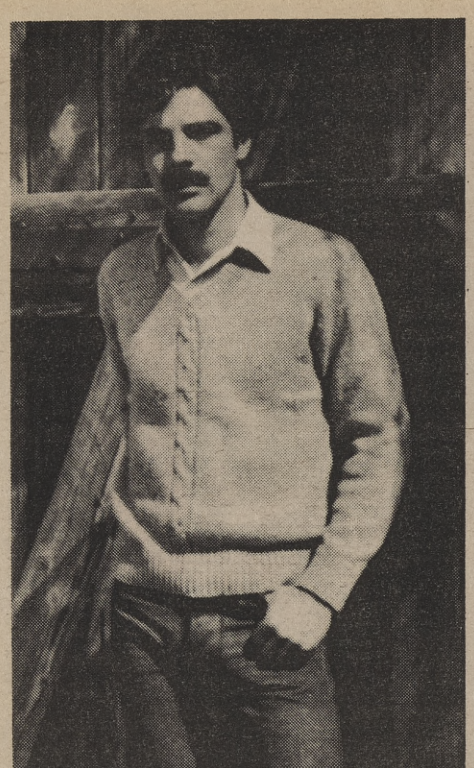

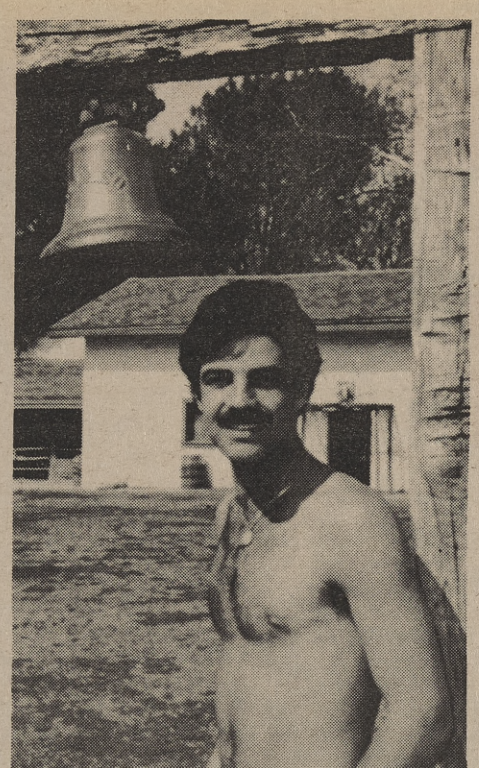

Our coverperson for this month is Ralph Anello, age 23, from San Francisco. Of Cicilian extraction, some of Ralph's interests are singing, modeling, refinishing antique furniture, theater, swimming, cooking, cross-country skiing and traveling. Anyone interested in corresponding with Ralph may write him c/o PATLAR GAZETTE.

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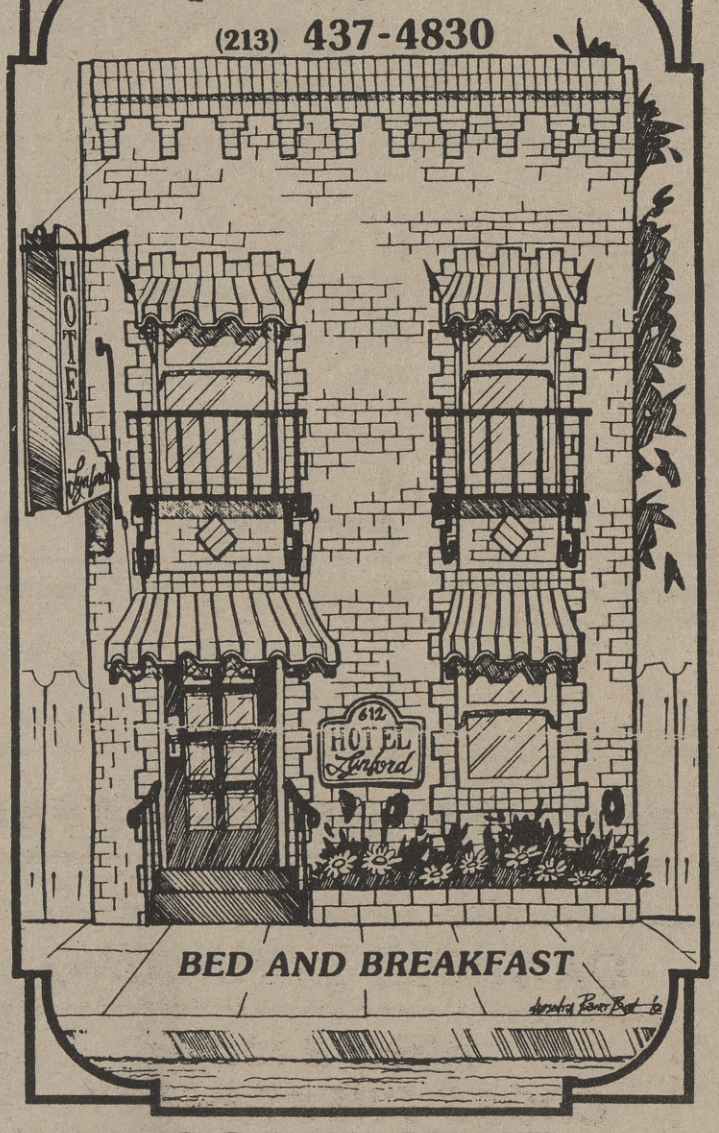

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Gay Rights Bill Vetoed In CA

On March 13, 1984, after a suspenseful wait, the California Gay Community finally learned that Governor Deukmejian had vetoed Assembly Bill 1 which would have prohibited job discrimination against gay people.

The Bill would have prohibited employers of more than five workers from discriminating against gay persons in hiring, firing, training, and granting promotions. The measure would not have applied to religious organizations, or required an affirmative-action quota system for hiring gays. The measure was introduced by Assemblyman Art Agnos, D-San Francisco, who has attempted to have the gay rights bill passed for the last eight years. This is the first year it passed both houses of the Legislature and was sent to the governor. The assembly passed the bill 42 to 35, and the Senate 22 to 16.

The governor, dealing with the most politically sensitive issue during his two years in office, rejected the law on the basis it was not needed. Deukmejian also noted in his veto message that the sexual preference of an individual is a private matter.

Gay leaders have vowed to keep pushing for the gay rights bill until it becomes law. In San Francisco, the gay community protested the veto with a march. However, some gay observers were surprised by the apathy displayed by gay persons to the veto.

No KKK March

Officials of the California Ku Klux Klan have withdrawn their request for a permit to stage an anti-gay march during the Democratic Convention scheduled for next July in San Francisco.

Deputy Police Chief George Eimil recently met with a delegation led by Imperial Wizard Bill Abers to discuss a permit to demonstrate gainst gay rights. Eimil said police would be "hard pressed" to guarantee Klan safety because of all the extra duties assigned police during the convention and would, therefore, be unable to guarantee marchers' safety.

Herpes Suit Ruling

In a precedent-setting case, the California Supreme Court recently refused to throw out a damage suit filed by a Los Angeles woman against her sexual partner for giving her herpes.

The ruling may also open the door to lawsuits by AIDS patients against those they claim infected them.

The court decided to leave standing a decision by the Court of Appeal in Los Angeles allowing Kathleen Keating to sue defendant Robert Bolander for, among other things, fraud for allegedly giving her the contagious genital disease.

The decision did not go into the merits of Keating's claims, but only her legal right to pursue those claims in court.

A Los Angeles Superior Court judge originally threw out the suit. The latest decision clears the way for Keating to return to the lower court for a full jury trial.

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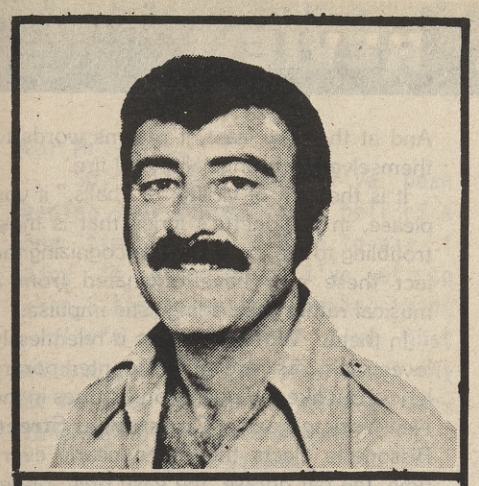

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VIRGIN ISLANDS

I can't say I found any virgins on the Virgin Islands, but then I can't say I was looking for any either. What I did find were good bargains, jewelry, perfume, cameras, watches, and other items for about half what you pay in the States. A fifth of good Virgin Island Cruzan rum costs $1.95 and you can take five bottles with you.

The three major neighboring islands belong to the United States and are St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John. All are situated between the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, but each has a character of its own. The islands are rich in historical value, and have been ruled at various periods by Spain, France, Malta, England, Holland, Denmark and the United States...not to mention the original war-like Caribe Indians. In the early 1700s, they were the home port for pirates such as Blackbeard and Captain Kidd. Sugar cane fields flourished for awhile after slaves were imported from Africa and for two centuries the islands formed the Crown Colony of the Danish West Indies. When the sugar cane industry began to peter out, the Danes offered the islands to the US for a paltry seven million dollars, but the offer was turned down. A few years later, during World War I in 1917, Germany was interested in buying them, but President Wilson didn't like this idea, so the American Government renegotiated the sale, only then the price had gone up to a more respectable twenty-five million.

The Virgins are unique in many ways. American, Delta and Eastern Airlines offer daily service from mainland cities. If you arrive at St. Thomas, the Harry S. Truman Airport is an old naval hanger unlike any other airport in America. Upon deplaneing you are offered a local rum punch. The islanders still cling to their Danish heritage and drive on the left-hand side. Since the roads are narrow, steep and busy, I suggest you go by taxis, which are cheap and plentiful, even if many of the drivers could stand a crash course by Dale Carnegie.

Charlotte Amalie, with a population of about 40,000, is the capital city. In fact it is the only city on St. Thomas, and was named after a former queen of Denmark. The streets are narrow and colorful, with intriguing Danish names such as Dronningens Gade, Vimmelskafts Gade, or Creques Alley. The charming waterfront town has a magnificent natural harbour filled with yachts and at least two large cruiseships daily. The steep hills behind the city are dotted with red-roofed houses and verdant lush tropical plants. The elegant and expensive Bluebeard's Castle Hotel offers a magnificent panoramic view of the city and harbour.

The Safari is still the most popular gay club and has two bars upstairs and a lively disco below. It is located on a little alley just past T.J.'s on Back Street which is where most of the action is. Partners is an attractive new upstairs mixed disco around the corner at Raadets Gade and Back Street. Walter's Living Room at 14 Kungens Gade attracts mostly natives.

Morningstar Beach Resort has been a popular gay spot for years. The beach and beach bar are good days, and it is about ten minutes by taxi from downtown. Harbour View and Danish Chalet Inn are pleasant guest houses on Frenchman's Hill. Arlene and Lenore serve excellent meals at the former. Other good dining in Charlotte Amalie can be found at L'Escargot, Hotel 1829, Twins Garden, Fiddle Leaf, and Au Bon Vivant. Most places are mixed.

Although larger in area, St. Croix (pronounced St. Croy) is less populated and much slower paced. Christiansted is the largest city, but the gay area is centered around Frederiksted on the southwest end of the island. It is a quaint old Danish city of about 10,000. Bill Owens is the genial owner of the King Frederik Hotel which has 22 very nice units with kitchens and is right on the beach. It attracts mature gay guys and lesbians, and offers a refreshing alternative to the fast-paced action spots in other parts of the Caribbean. For rates and reservations write to PO Box 1908, Frederiksted, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands, 00840, or call (809) 772-1205. Bob and Dick are the handsome new owners of the Royal Dane Hotel which overlooks the tranquil harbor at 13 Strand Street. It has eight guest rooms, a friendly bar and restaurant. For information call (809) 772-2780. For dining out, try the Swashbuckler or the Brandy Snifter, which is also a good place to meet visiting sailors when they are in town. Skinny dipping at a deserted beach within walking distance of both hotels can be revealing and provocative...although the layed-back ambiance of St. Croix can be most rewarding for lovers who want to get away from it all.

Unfortunately, some of the largely black native population, especially on St. Thomas, tends to be sullen and even rude. But this can be overlooked, as the weather is nearly perfect, and the islands are beautiful. The Virgin's are quite special and offer a challenge for visitors from the mainland.

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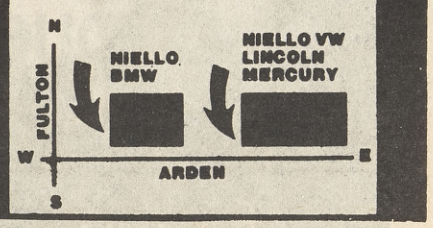

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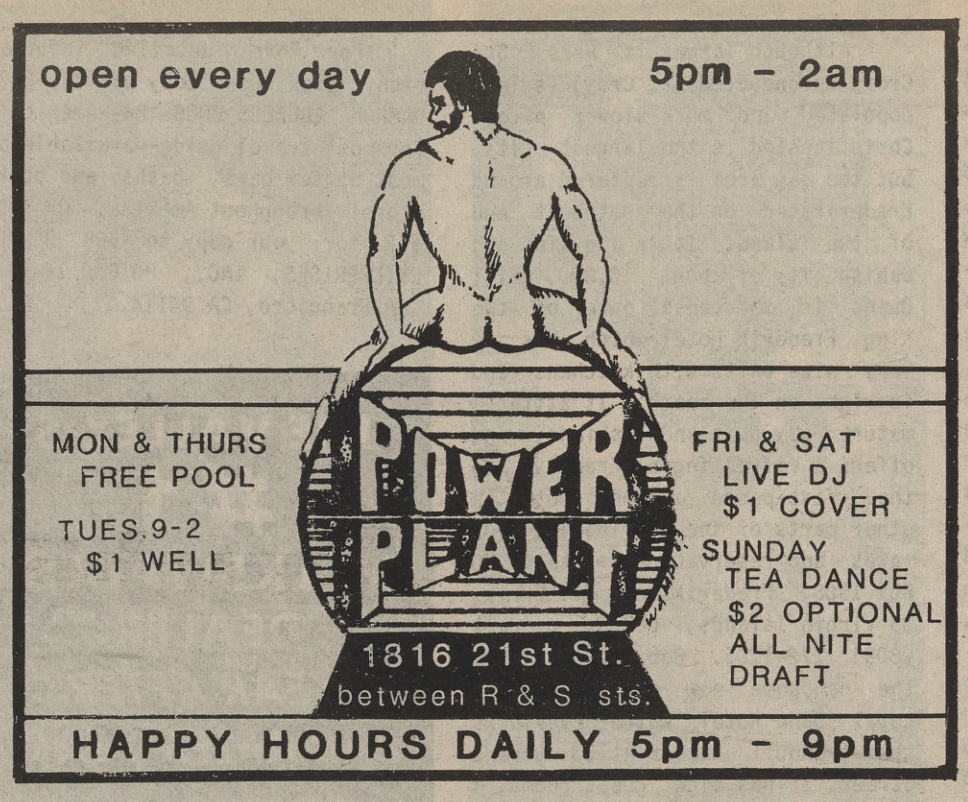

A BOOK REVIEW

Without Music, *by David Bissonette.* Bissonette Productions, Los Angeles. 61 pp. No price given.

Reviewed by Jay Harrison

(Editor's note: David Bissonette was the coverperson for the PATLAR GAZETTE'S March edition.)

It is perhaps not fair to try to review lyrics without the music intended to accompany them. But David Bissonette offers these as poems and invites his readers to view them as such—bare, lonely, unenriched by more sorcery than the words themselves can conjure.

Unlike the musical theory of the Renaissance (which came from interpretations of Platinist ideals), avowing that the purpose of music was to be the servant of the poetry, a true accompaniment or companion, modern pop music—as well as much opera—reverses the system. Modern lyrics are generally heard as not much more than indistinct howlings beneath the blast of percussive or electronic sound. It comes as no news to anyone that loud for loud's sake has been for at least two decades the first tenant of rock and all its various tentacles. Ears that are set to ringing, or deafened, by high decibels are not ears that hear music. Noise at extreme levels, as most of us by now understand, forms a sort of cocoon in which we, like larvae, repose, shut off from communication with the world—particularly communication through the medium of language.

Therefore, for a writer of lyrics to offer his words as communication without coverup may be seen as a brave, if foolhardy act.

The poem, as Octavio Paz has pointed out, is an attempt to transcend language. "The poem is language standing erect," he said. Much is implied in that erotic linguistic observance, not the least of which is that poetry (as opposed to mere speech) has vitality; it courses with blood, it is virile, it is revolutionary, and it does violence to language; it uproots, it pulls apart, it creates. And at the very least, it returns words to themselves with originality and fire.

It is the lack of virility, or "balls," if you please, in Bissonette's lyrics that is most troubling to me, once again recognizing the fact these may have originated from a musical rather than a linguistic impulse.

In theme, **Without Music** is relentlessly lovestruck, as are most contemporary lyrics. But like the poems and stories in the New York magazine, **Christopher Street,** Bissonette elects the cliche nearly every time, the pat phrase, the easy rime, rather than fight with his adversary—deep feeling and singing language. Prosaisms, like the warm envelope of disco music, sweated bodies, amyl nitrite, and the promise of sex, may be comforting, but they add nothing to our understanding of ourselves or our fellowman. They only repeat what we already knew. They are what made Rod McKuen rich and famous and fatuous.

On the other hand, even respected lyricists such as Jerry Herman, Rod Stewart, Johnny Mercer, Alan Jay Lerner, Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter—take your pick—don't stand up as poets when separated from the conditions of the music for which their words were created (or vice versa).

Which brings us to a basic question: Should a lyricist, a person who writes verses to underscore another medium of sound, promote himself as a poet? What profiteth a man to publish his own verses, ungrammatical, badly reproduced, to a world that has no need or use for them, bare bones without the covering flesh of music?

Occasionally, to be fair, Bissonette has a witty idea, like in the poem "I'll Polish My Chrome for You," or a sensual moment like in "Spanish Bronze." But—perhaps called by the necessity of another muse, Banality—he refuses to stretch himself into those ideas. He backs away, as if frightened by a spark of creativity, retreating into the easy mode, the comforting vamp, verse, and refrain.

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By Ed E. Kett

Dear Mr. Kett,

So, like, man, I've been reading your column for a hell of a long time now. I'd have to say I enjoy it even though I've yet to learn a single cotton-picking thing I didn't already know. I've just got one question for you: Just why the hell do gay people need a separate set of manners anyway?

Yours always,
Guido

Dear Guido,

I'm glad you asked me that. Gay people in the Eighties have a very special set of problems which range from the sublime to the ridiculous (as you already know if you've really been reading this column). Not only do we have trouble fitting into straight society, we've got a lot of trouble fitting into own little world. I feel a civilized approach to human behavior can get us a lot farther than an uncouth one. Also, a well-mannered life is its own reward, and something that many gay people aspire to. There's an ancient faggot proverb that says, "Curtsey to the queen or you're apt to get crowned."

Dear Edwards E. Kett,

I love those catalogues that feature those big, beefy guys modeling flimsy bikinis and see-through posing straps. In fact, I have a small collection of some of the more sexy items myself (which I ordered just so that I could stay on the company's mailing list, of course). Well, here's my problem: So far I've only worn these items in the privacy of my own home, but I'm planning an extended vacation after graduation to some of the very gayest Sun Spots in the US, and I was wondering if it would be in good taste to wear some of these fashions on the beach. I don't think they'd get me arrested, but they do reveal a lot of skin and the occasional curly hair. (My bod's in pretty good shape if I do say so myself.) What do you think?

Sincerely,
Lance

Dear Lance,

Before you slip into those torrid togs for your beachside stroll, just ask yourself one question: Doll, Do I have the balls for it?

Dear Edwards Kett,

When is the best time to tell a straight friend that you're gay?

Yours,
Mabel

Dear Mabel,

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Euphemia

By Euphemia Eurus

Dear Euphemia,

Bill is one of those guys who is a professor. Ph.D. from start to finish. All brains without a lick of sense. I think that life has always come too easy for Bill and as a result he is spoiled rotten. (I'm unimpressed by his story about working his way through college.) I could do so much for him if he'd only just listen to me. Maybe I don't have all that much formal education and maybe I don't earn bunches of bucks a year like he does for doing almost nothing useful, but being twenty-two years younger, I'm much more sensitive and hip to the important things in life, especially here in Seattle.

Like clothes. He has absolutely no clothes sense. He's always getting engraved invitations to things. Naturally he always goes to whatever it is without giving a thought to his appearance and always seems to have the most marvelous time while I'm sitting at home all depressed because he's at some shindig dressed all wrong. And almost always he drags some weird people home for "a drink and conversation," as if anyone would really want to talk--especially in French which they all seem to like to do--to someone dressed like a tramp.

I could go on and on about his hair, his car, his aftershave, his zillions of books everywhere, his food preferences, his wallpaper, but what's the use.

What do suggest that I do to improve this marvelous man who has actually met the President of the United States?

Reggie

Dear Reggie:

You poor, hip, little sheep! May I be so inquisitive as to ask if you have you read THE LITTLE PRINCE? It was popular in the late 60's/early 70's--perhaps, while you were dampening your Calvin Klein diapers. At any rate, it contains a lesson for you to ponder.

In THE LITTLE PRINCE, a Turkish scientist, dressed in his country's typical garb, announced an important scientific discovery. However, due to his dress, no one listened. The next year, he dressed up in a suit and was widely applauded for his brilliance.

Well, Reggie, this story illustrates a rather disheartening problem. However, your friend Bill is lucky not to have friends who would judge him on his wardrobe and not his mind. You have the misfortune of growing up in an era when fashion magazines have put more emphasis on style rather than substance.

It's not too late, Reggie, to broaden your horizons. Quit noticing Bill for his taste and start appreciating what he really has to offer.

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Alyson Publications of Boston is determined to print its newest novel, I ONCE HAD A MASTER, despite the efforts of conservative religious groups to prevents its publication.

A number of printers have declined gay-oriented work in the past because of fear of losing business from the many religious book publishers. Now trouble has arisen with the work, I ONCE HAD A MASTER, a collection of stories by John Preston.

One company prints religious material and once printed a book about the penis, and some pages from it accidentally got bound into one of the many religious books they print.

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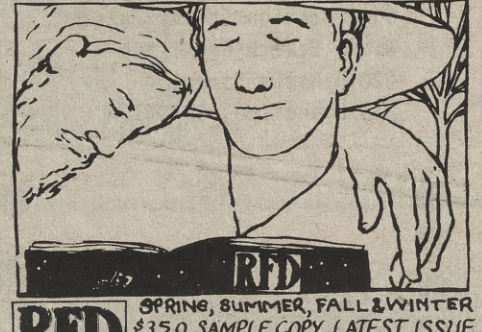

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By Dr. Pat Larr

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19)--Beware of an enticing invitation mid-month. You could be inviting trouble. Month's end finds you with your hands full. Lucky you!

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20)--That special someone touches your psychic cord (Oh what a feeling). Be careful or you may end up tying the knot.

GEMINI (Apr 21-Jun 20)--You've got a lot to relish this month. Everyone asks you, "Where's the beef?" and you get a chance to show each and every one of them.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22)--Time to get off your duff. Move those buns and you just might make some dough. Look out for Aries with lots of time on their hands.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22)--An old flame from the past returns to bad mouth you. Not to worry. It's just a case of the sexpot calling the kettle black. Ignore it.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22)--Feel like no one's on your side? Everyone needs their strokes. Don't worry. A mysterious stranger appears who'll toot your horn like never before.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22)--You have a very arousing encounter with someone new mid-month. Be careful during the full moon or you may become unbalanced.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22)--Still finding the same old people attracted to you--the nuts and the dolts? Things are looking up. You bump into someone who wants to get down to brass tacks (and you do!)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)--Time to get metaphysical. Whip that body of yours into shape. Get naked with someone special and let them exercise those lovehandles away for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)--Haven't you found lately that you're in bed and bored? That special someone is taking you for granted. Venus signals a time to get a grip on something new.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)--Mars, one of your least favorite roommates, hops into your sign this month. It's definitely a case of three's a crowd. You're going to find yourself very short tempered. So remember, no one likes a low flash point.

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IN YOUR EASTER BONNET: BRUNCH BEFORE THE PARADE

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HOP ON IT EGGS

Okay, everbody--reach into your basket and grab the two hardboiled eggs you find! Between the group at your brunch, there should certainly be enough dyed-to-match eggs to make this dish, and with some to spare. A wonderful concocktion, unlike so many thing I like to roll around on my tongue, this will wait, warmed over hot water, until you are ready to devour it.

PREPARATION TIME: 30 minutes
COOKING TIME: 20 minutes

Ingredients:

4 1/2 Tablespoons butter
3 Tablespoons flour
1 1/2 cups milk
3/4 teaspoon salt
A dash or two of cayenne pepper
3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
6 hard-boiled eggs, shelled and cut (chopped is so rude!)
6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled

Preparation:

1. Melt your butter in a saucepan, and stir in the flour.
2. Slowly whisk in the milk, salt and cayenne. Cook over medium to medium-high heat, stirring, till thickened.
3. Toss in the cheese and give another stirring performance till it is melted.
4. Ever so gently, add the chopped egg and bacon. (If not ready to serve, keep warm over hot water, stirring occasionally.)
5. Serve over split Bunny Biscuits.

BUNNY BISCUITS

The trick to great biscuits is to knead them! (Note: if you are just too rushed to make biscuits from scratch, a biscuit mix or refrigerated biscuits will do.)

PREPARATION TIME: 30 minutes
COOKING TIME: 10-12 minutes

Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup shortening
3/4 cup milk

Preparation:

1. Preheat your oven to 450 degrees.
2. Toss the flour, baking powder and salt into a bowl.
3. Cut (oooh) in the shortening with a pastry blender or two knives drawn against each other until the mixture looks like meal.
4. Stir in almost all the milk. Dough should be soft and easy to roll--not too sticky or too dry. Add more milk, if needed.
5. Slap your dough on a lighly-floured, cloth-covered board and knead it lightly 25 times.
6. Roll it out 1/2 inch thick and cut it with a floured biscuit cutter.
7. Bake on an ungreased baking sheet for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown.

GRAB YOUR SAUSAGE
SERVES: 6

You're not the only one who will grab this sausage, honey. It is faaabulous.

PREPARATION TIME: 20 MINUTES
COOKING TIME: 10 minutes

Note: Refrigerates overnight

Ingredients:

1 1/2 pounds lean pork, 1 pound lean veal, 1 pound pork fat: ground together (Your butch-er will oblige!)
1 Tablespoon salt
2 teaspoons dried sage
1/2 teaspoons dried marjoram
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
2 teaspoons dried rosemary
1 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
Vegetable oil, for frying

Preparation:

1. Squish together everything except the vegetable oil, and refrigerate overnight.
2. Form into 24 patties.
3. Brown (oooh) in a little vegetable oil over medium-high heat for 5 minute on each side.
4. Drain on paper towels. Grab your sausage and eat it! (Yum!)

Have a bountiful, basketful, bunnyful Easter, dears.

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CHICO

By Dereck C. Lockwood

The past month has been relatively quiet in our fine city. The unusually warm weather has brought forth much beauty here. As the sun beamed, the almond blossoms came out in abundance and the beautiful scent flooded the town. The warmth also brought about the emergence of male beauties in abundance, both gay and non-gay.

It is a sight to behold wherever you venture in Chico. Young men, with the fine figures with which youth is blessed, are ever seen jogging along in their shorts and tees, bicycling through the park, playing games, or just lying out catching the sun's rays to get an early tan. These wonderful sights, seen wherever you go in Chico, are just the prelude to the fantastic summer ahead of us.

March third was a very eventful day at 900 Cherry St. Terry M. and Carl L. were united as lifetime companions during the early afternoon. The ceremony was short but pleasant and the women looked smart in their tuxedos.

That evening, Ray & Joe hosted the first annual Gay Mardi Gras in Chico. It was a fun night for all. About 25% present came in costume, and the bar was filled with people. Attendance was marked with visitors from Sacramento, San Francisco, and as far away as Arizona.

The four winners of the costume contest were excellently clothed. First prize went to a young woman dressed as Michael Jackson. The other three prize winners were dressed as Boy George, A Centaur, and the balloon man. Everyone did a fine job on their costumes making the evening festive and Gay. Thank you one and all!

On April 21, 900 Cherry St. will be hosting a Cross-Dress Party. It's a good time for everyone to get their crinolines out of the trunk, gowns out of the closet, pumps from under the bed, and their

DENVER

Denver's new mayor, Federico Pena, recently issued a proclamation declaring that it is the policy of his administration that there shall be no discrimination on any grounds, including sexual preference. Local observers noted that this will put Pena's own appointees on notice that to keep their jobs they cannot practice discrimination on the basis of sexual preference.

COLUMBUS

The date for the 1984 Ohio-Michigan Gay Pride Parade has been changed. The 1984 Parade is now scheduled for Sunday, June 24. The change was necessary because the National Women's and Black conventions are taking place on the weekends of July 1 and 8. The parade is expected to draw up to four thousand participants this year.

Planning is now underway for the June 24 parade in Columbus. Persons who want to organize floats or contingents for the parade should contact Stonewall Union now. The June 24 date for the parade will coincide with marches and rallies across the nation.

LAS CRUCES

Lambda NMSU at New Mexico State University was established to serve the social and education needs of gays and lesbians in southern New Mexico.

In the past several months, the organization held several holiday parties and conducted a program on AIDS. Recently the group met with a support organization for the Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility. Plans are being made to conduct a book drive for the Correctional Facility.

In addition to business and educational meetings, Lambda NMSU holds educational programs on the first and third Mondays of each month in the Rio Arriba room A-B of Corbett Center on the New Mexico State University Campus. Lambda NMSU also sponsors a rap group which meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 8 PM. For information, call (505) 526-5275.

Lambda NMSU may be contacted by writing: Lambda NMSU, PO Box 4132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003.

TULSA

Dignity (an organization for gay Catholics) and Integrity (an organization for gay Episcopalians) have formed a combined chapter in Tulsa.

The members of the new Dignity/Integrity group, invite interested persons to attend their bi-weekly meetings, currently held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. For further details and location of the next meetings, call Daphne at (918) 583-7063.

BALTIMORE

Baltimore lesbians organized the area's first lesbian blood drive in February. The drive was organized to build good will for the lesbian and gay community, and to make up for restrictions on gay men giving blood. While gay men are not prohibited from donating, the Red Cross is trying to screen out those at high risk of having AIDS.

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Mayor William Donald Schaefer's office announced approval of the Gay Community Center of Baltimore's request for a $17,950 matching grant. The money will be used for major improvements to the Center building. The Center must match the grant with the same amount.

The proposed rehabilitation includes weatherization of the en-

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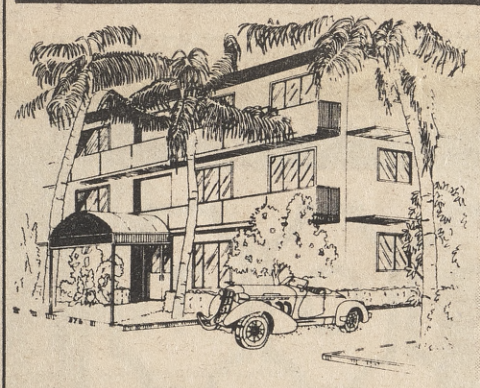

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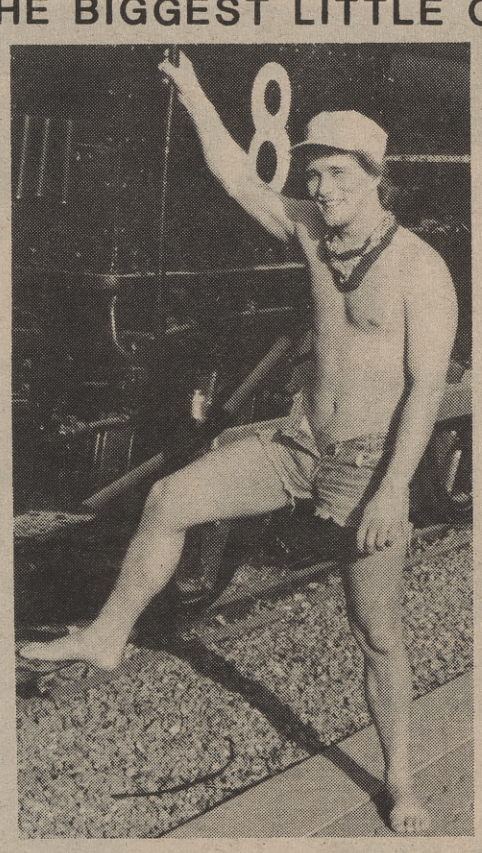

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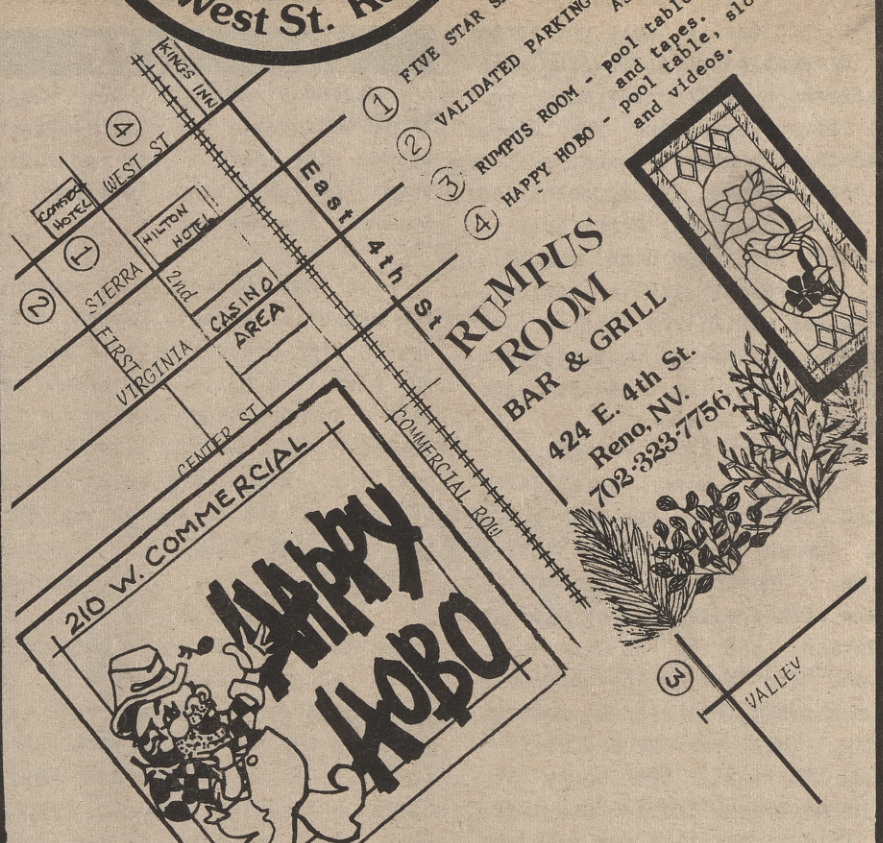

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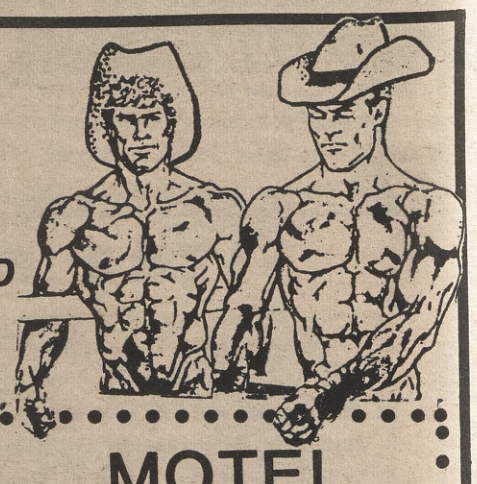

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ALBUQUERQUE

The New Mexico Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance needs support. Persons may join as a working member and attend decision-making meetings, or join as a general member.

Membership is $15/year, $8/student, low-income. Phone NML/GPA contact person Adrienne Edwards at (505) 262-0531, or send your check to NML/GPA, PO Drawer EEE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87196.

NEW YORK

A new organization has been formed for lesbian and gay disabled people. Mainstream will be a voice for gay/disabled people everywhere. For information, write and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Mainstream, Peter Stuyvesant Station, PO Box 1399, New York 10009.

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New York City recently canceled its contracts with the Salvation Army because the organization refuses to state that it does not discriminate against persons on the basis of sexual orientation.

Spokespersons for the Salvation Army, which is a church and charitable organization, said it does not discriminate against gay persons, but refused to sign a statement to that effect because homosexuality is regarded as a sin.

The Salvation Army runs foster care, adoption programs, and seven day-care centers under contracts with the city which amount to $4.5 million per year. Mayor Edward Koch indicated the city would not renew the contracts after they expire on June 30. Koch issued an executive order in January 1982 which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or affectional preference. The city has renewed contracts with other religious groups, including Catholic Charities, which stated it would not discriminate against gay women and men.

PHILADELPHIA

Permission has been sought for a gay brigade in this year's annual Mummer's Day Parade in Philadelphia. A request to form the brigade was sent to the Department of Recreation.

The Commissioner of Recreation acknowledged the request and placed it on a waiting list.

Groups which marched in last year's parade have until June 30 to indicate whether they will march again this year. If a group retires, then the space is given to the group at the top of the waiting list. Only a certain number of brigades are permitted in the parade each year.

The brigade is being promoted by the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) as a way to enhance gay pride. The Board of Directors of MCC endorsed the idea of a gay brigade, but it plans to turn the idea over to a separate group not affiliated with MCC if gays get a spot in the parade.

BATON ROUGE

The Metropolitan Community Church has changed its location and time. The new location is 7877 Jefferson Highway (look for the Church of the Open Road sign). Services are held each Sunday beginning with Fellowship at 6:30 PM, Worship in Song at 6:45 PM, Worship Service at 7 PM, and Fellowship at 8:15 PM.

DAVIS

Researchers at the California Primate Research Center in Davis have announced the isolation of a virus which is believed to be responsible for transmission of simian acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (SAIDS) among primates. Results of this research appeared in the March 1984 issue of SCIENCE.

The results of the research draw attention to the possible role of retroviruses in the cause of human AIDS. They indicate that the bloodstream is a source of the SAIDS retrovirus. This simian model will be useful for determining how an infectious retrovirus causes depletion of lymphoid cells, and for the development of measures to control SAIDS in primate.

SAIDS is a spontaneously occurring disease which has been observed in a group of rhesus monkeys at the CPRC. The disease in monkeys resembles human AIDS in overall clinical signs, pathology, and immune deficiency. SAIDS is characterized by generalized enlarged lymph nodes, lymphocyte depletion, severe opportunistic infections (infections from germs which the body would normally be able to control through its immune system), chronic weight loss, and high mortality. Several animals have also had cutaneous sarcomas (a cancer tumor of the skin).

The CPRC is supported by a grant from the Division of Research Resources, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

INDIANAPOLIS

The newest addition to gay support groups is the recently formed GAY FATHERS COALITION OF INDIANAPOLIS. Members range in age from 20 to 70 and have a diversity of occupations. All are dedicated and talented people.

One reason for forming the group is that the men feel inhibited about discussing their children with "straight" fathers, and at the same time find that they are likely to be turned away by other gay people if they mention their status as parents. The group is for gay fathers rather than gay mothers because of inhibitions felt at having discussions with women present.

Beginning in April, there will be a permanent meeting place. Membership dues are $10 per year, $2 of which goes to the international organization. Anyone wishing detailed information may write to PO Box 80232, Indianapolis, IN 46260, or call the Gay Switchboard at (317) 546-9339.

SAN BRUNO

A gay Deputy Sheriff at the San Bruno Jail has committed suicide.

Douglas McDonald, a fine athlete who won three gold medals in swimming at the California Police Olympics in San Diego last year, died very recently. Two years ago, McDonald contracted AIDS.

MT. SHASTA

The thirteenth annual Rainbow Family Gathering of the Tribes is set for July 1-7, 1984 in Mt. Shasta, California. The gathering continues the love-and- freedom tradition established in the late sixties.

The Rainbow Family gathering is a gathering of people welcoming all people. The tradition borrows heavily from the old tradition the plains indians called the Sundance, or gathering of the tribes and people for the summer equinox.

The Gay Faeries will have a camp circle at the Rainbow gathering. The name was selected to show that the Rainbow Family gathering is not exclusive on the basis of class, origin, race, color, religious beliefs, or sexual orientation.

Persons who want additional information about the Gay Faeries should call (408) 244-7135 and ask for Lyle or Al.

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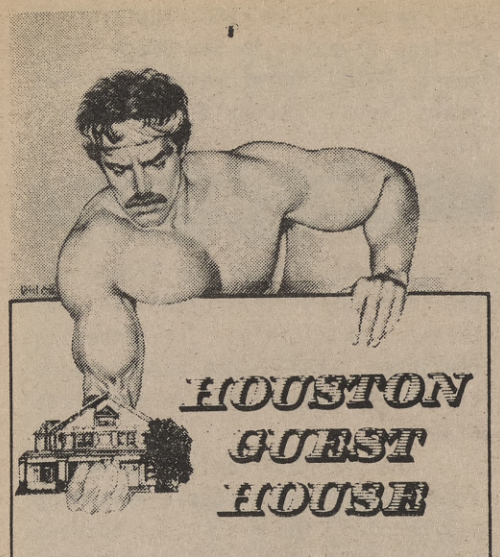

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NEW ORLEANS

Linda Bush, co-chair of the New Orleans chapter of the Lousiana Gay Political Action Caucus (LAGPAC), is on the Louisiana Democratic Central Committee. She is the first openly gay person elected to a Democratic Party post in the state. Earlier, in 1983, an openly gay Republican won a position on that party's central committee.

CHEYENNE

Tri-State Lambda (TSL) decided to change the format of the Tuesday meetings. On the second Tuesday of each month, there will be the regular board meeting at 7 PM followed by an informal coffeehouse at 8 PM. On the fourth Tuesday of each month, the Board will not hold a business meeting. TSL will instead have a planned coffeehouse program beginning at 7 PM.

Everyone is invited to attend the business meetings, coffeehouses, and programs. Meetings will continue to be held at the Isaac Walton Hall near Pioneer Park in Cheyenne.

For additional information, write TSL, Inc., Box 1542, Cheyenne, WY 82001.

MODESTO

The Owl Empire of Stanislaus County wants to get more women involved in its social and service activities. Any ideas for the Court of the Rainbow Owl to attract more women would be appreciated. Call gary at (209) 521-9102 or Arnold at (209) 523-0472 or write Stanislaus Owl Empire, PO Box 6272, Modesto, CA 95355.

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In April an Easter Party has been scheduled by the Owl Empire. It will be chaired by Franklin and Virgil. Contact the Owl Empire for more information.

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Persons are requested to save their trash to raise money for the gay community. Persons should set three paper bags aside. Newspapers should be put in one, aluminum cans in another, and glass bottles in the third. When the bags are full, call Bill or Jim at (209) 524-5327 before 9 PM or after 9 AM.

WASHINGTON, DC

Plans are being developed for Sisterfire, the annual D.C. area festival celebrating women's art and culture. The event is sponsored by Roadwork, Inc., a non-profit organization promoting women in the performing arts. The festival is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24, 1984 on the grounds of the Takoma Park Junior High School, Takoma Park, Maryland.

The two-day event will feature exhibits, crafts, and a wide variety of information presented by women's special-interest groups. Any craftswomen, food vendors, or organizations interested in reserving display or sales space at Sisterfire must complete and return an exhibits application by June 8, 1984. For more information or an application, write to: Roadwork, Department SF, 1475 Harvard Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009; or call: (202) 234-9308.

PALO ALTO

At Stanford University, "Gay Liberation," a sculpture featuring two gay couples by artist George Segal, was recently pelted more than 35 times by a vandal wielding a hammer. Damage to the $150,000 statue is estimated to be at least $40,000.

Stanford had accepted the sculpture on indefinite loan while gay-rights workers sought to find a permanent location for it. Art Professor, Albert Elsen, who supervised its installation, described the damage as "serious," but repairable.

In a statement issued through Stanford, Segal called the incident "unfortunate. No matter how strong the feelings are...the response should be civilized on everyone's part. There's no need for opinions to be expressed violently." Stanford gays and lesbians asked students to lay flowers on the bare cement slab where the sculpture had been.

"Gay Liberation" was commissioned by the Mildrew Andrews Fund as a monument to the so-called Stonewall Riots of 1969 in which New York gays battled police. Earlier proposals to install the sculpture in New York or Los Angeles caused controversy. A second cast is to be installed in Greenwich Village as soon as funds can be obtained.

SAN BERNARDINO

Fidelity International is a gay Fundamentalist group in Los Angeles and was organized recently. Persons who are interested in starting a local chapter for fellowship, support and Bible study, should contact Randy, PO Box 3741, San Bernardino, CA 92413.

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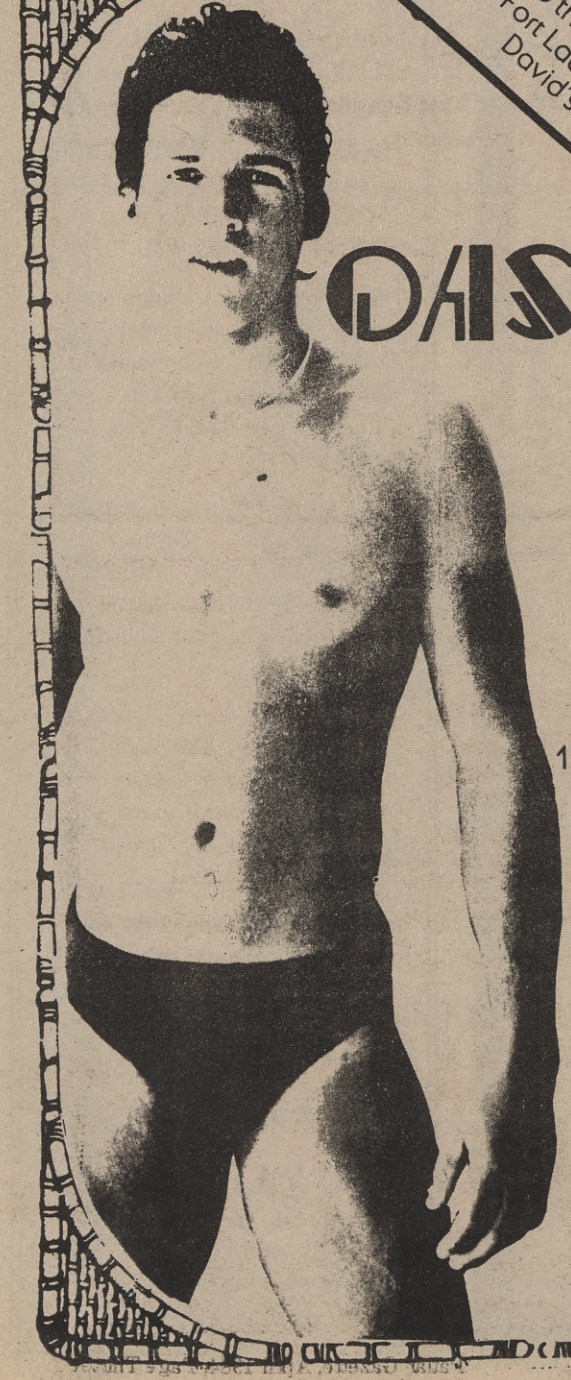

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By Bill Mooney

Balloons, streamers, feathers, and a lot of fun were all available at the Mardi Gras at the CABARET. The winners of the Ball were ORLANDO for the best costume and BAKER JOHN for the best camp...Just beyond the river is the LAKE, and the LAKE has a lot to offer everyone...Lakeport has the famous KIRB'S VILLAGE which is a fine place to eat breakfast, lunch, or dinner...A new cafe has opened on Main Street, in Lower Lake, called TOBIES. It is open seven days a week for breakfast and lunch and for dinner Wed. thru Sun.--country by the day and gourmet at night. Chef DAVID HOLTQUIST does a fine job for you; stop by and enjoy yourself...CLEARLAKE OAKS has the CRACKED SKILLED which is open daily. It has good food and a lot of it for the price. PARIS is doing the cooking there...If you need a place to put your body, the SUNSET POINT RESORT is open...The NEW GENE'S SALOON is open daily. GENE will be glad to help with rooms, RVs, or camp sites...THE GLENHAVEN INN has cottages, pier, cookout areas. Just walk to the bar and check with SPIKE...BILL & DON HAVE TAKEN OVER THE SHAMROCK RESORT in Glenhaven and have accommodations located near the LAKE. There are some special attractions to enjoy, including the garden room with a hot tub, a view of the LAKE, pier, and a private swimming area. There are full RV hookups available. Phone (707) 998-3331 for more information...The CABARET posters are going fast, so if you want a limited and numbered edition, let CHUCK know at (707) 998-1169...Don't forget, the last Monday of each month is POTLUCK & AUCTION at the CABARET. It's fun!!...Coming up on April 28 will be the hottest time of the year. Yes, that's right, the VALLEY KNIGHTS of Sacramento are having their CLEARLAKE run on that day, and it will be a weekend that the LAKE will remember for a long time...THE CABARET will also hold their LEATHER WEATHER for the entire weekend. Fun, hot men, and a good time will undoubtedly be had by all. Plan to join the fun at the LAKE...For more information, read the PATLAR GAZETTE and keep up with the action.

CONCORD

The Diablo Valley Community Center offers an exciting program each month. A rap group for persons who are parents or considering becoming a parent is given each Tuesday at 7 PM.

The Friday night rap/support and social group is open to both men and women and meets weekly 8-10 PM. The group alternates social activities with rap support activities.

A rap group for women is held once a month.

For more information, contact the Center at (415) 674-0171.

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A training workshop is being offered by Diablo Valley Crisis-Line for those who wish to become volunteers. The workshop will be held on two consecutive Saturdays: April 7 and 14, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Volunteers must attend both sessions in order to work on the Crisis-Line. Registration for the workshop is $35 which is non-refundable. This covers the cost of all reference materials used for the training. Persons who are interested should send their name, address, phone number, and a check or money order to Diablo Valley Community Center/Crisis-Line Training, 1818 Colfax Avenue, Concord, CA 94520.

POMONA

A different kind of anniversary celebration is being planned by the Pomona/San Gabriel Valley Gay/Lesbian Coalition. The first birthday celebration was an elaborate dinner-dance with a gathering of celebrities. The starting word for the third year, however, sounds a new theme.

It is "INSTEAD OF FEASTING AND DANCING, LET'S BUILD!" Let's move toward that needed service center. Let's make these valleys a better place in which to live. Let's build proof of our concern for the welfare and happiness of our people. Let's make it possible for the thousands of lesbians and gays who need support and information to achieve stability and self-esteem to find the answers right here.

The Coalition has set a goal of $250,000. Possibilities of matching funds and grants are real.

For more information, write to: Service Center, 710 W. Orange Grove, Pomona CA 91768, or call (714) 620-6608.

RENO

The Five Star will be celebrating its 2nd anniversary on April 15. Last year they gave away free booze for one day; this year, they are going to do something a little different.

Starting on April 15 and going thru May 15, all well and beer will be "two for the price of one." That's twenty-four hours a day for one complete month! It's their way of showing Reno's Gay Community how much they appreciate their support in the last year.

CHICAGO

Dear Patlar Gazette

We enjoy your paper, though is goes fast here in Chicago.

Enclosed is some stuff on Lionheart Gay Theatre--just to let you know we exist. We've been doing much of the only unusual work in Gay Theatre in America. No soap-operas for us!

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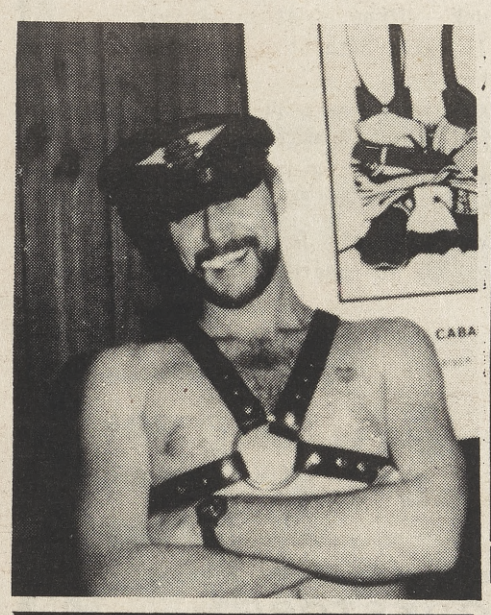
Rick Paul

(Editor's note: To contact the Lionheart Gay Theatre, write Box 601, Wilmette, IL 60091.)



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WOMAN TWO WOMAN

APRIL SCHEDULE

Wednesday Evenings in Sacramento

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4	Apr	Pre-menstrual Syndrome. Meeting will take place at Lioness Bookstore, 2224 J St., 6:30-9:30.
11	Apr	Pot Luck Dinner at Sierra II, 2771 24th St. 7-9:30 Pm.
18	Apr	Coming Out. Meeting will be held at Lioness Bookstore, 2224 J St. 6:30-9:30 PM.
25	Apr	Book Review. "Bring Your Favorite Book To Share,"

6:30-9:30 PM.

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SAN JOSE

By Robert J. Colton

Mac's Club is located at 349 South First Street in beautiful downtown San Jose across the street from Camera One. Watch for their Easter decorations. If you were there during March, you'll understand why Mac's is becoming widely known for its holiday decorations.

The Victorian House Antiques Garden Restaurant is located down the street. It serves lunches and dinners and the doors open at 11 AM.

Pegasus is coming? Candidate for Emperor!

Ed Paulson of Hayward and Little Mother of Oakland are teaming up to raise money for AIDS and patient care. Their goal this year is to raise at least $10,000. Bring your saleable items to the drop-off points. For more information, call Big Mama's (415) 881-9310, Eddie (415) 538-3913, or Little Mother (415) 430-1343. There will be auctions on April 29, 1984 at Spoiled Bart and May 27, 1984 at Town & Country. Additional information will be in a later issue of the PATLAR GAZETTE.

Stopped by 301 Stockton and saw that the remodeling is beginning to take shape. It is going to be a great looking bar!

On Saturday, March 10, I was in the City to attend the Investiture of the Imperial Court of the Golden Phoenix and the Silver Nightingale of San Francisco. It was a standing-room-only event. It was a pleasure to see a community work together and have a function that ran so smoothly that out-of-towners had time afterwards to go out and party! Great Job! Best of lunch to Rick & Remy.

TEMPE

A double-elimination VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT will be sponsored by Rag's at 2320 N. 32nd St. in April. Competition will begin on Sunday April 1st and will continue every Sunday for the remainder of the month.

There is a one-time fee of $25 per team (8 players). Entry forms are available in the Western Express and Rag's. Call Arizona Lesbian & Gay Task Force (ALGTF) for more information at (602) 955-5603.

Liberace's Palimony Suit

The major part of a palimony suit filed by a male dancer against entertainer Liberace, 64, was recently dismissed by a Los Angeles Superior Court. That part of the suit alleging Liberace promised to support Scott Thorson, 24, in exchange for sexual service was thrown out.

The court ruled that contracts for sex are illegal because they constitute prostitution and, consequently, are not enforceable. Thorson, however, can continue his civil suit against Liberace for breach of contract. The suit would be based on his allegations that the entertainer promised in 1976 to pay Thorson $30,000 a year and half-interest in several properties in exchange for his service as chauffeur, bodyguard, and secretary.

Liberace denies that a contract ever existed between him and Thornson, who once worked in the entertainer's Las Vegas shows.

EMCEES OF MGW NEWSPAPER & PATLAR GAZETTE BENEFIT

This is a partial list of the places and functionsone or both have attended representing the Sacramento Gay Community, at their own personal expense.

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GNIE X-mas Show
GNIE Bingo Show (EMCEE)
GNIE Duke & Duchess Ball
GNIE Victory Brunch
GNIE Camp Awards 84
GNIE Closet Ball
BOJANGLES Jr. Mr. Macho (EMCEE)
BOJANGLES AIDS Benefit
MERCANTILE Softball Benefit
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Fresno Victory Brunch
Fresno Investitures
Alameda Mr./Miss Gay Alameda
Alameda Coronation
Alameda AIDS Benefit
Santa Rosa Investitures
Santa Rosa AIDS Benefit
San Jose Coronation (Best Entrance)
Visalia Coronation
Stockton Closet Ball (Judge)
San Francisco Bozarts Ball
San Francisco Coronation
San Francisco Closet Ball
Reno Regents Ball (Best Entrance)
Reno National Reno Gay Rodeo
Reno Rosa Brandi Benefit

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ERNIE BROWN

Views from River City

April, that mystical, enchanting month for fools, easter lilies, and bunnies. That sure sign that spring has sprung. When a young man's fancy turns. And spring it is. The signs have manifested themselves all around us...And speaking of manifestations, I had the unique pleasure of attending Bettina's Grand Opening in San Fran at Fanny's Supper Club. She made Sacto proud. She was superb. I have never seen her better. Congrats, Tina...Speaking of entertainment: We've got some good stuff coming up for you right here in River City USA. During April at the FORUM: April 1, Tommi Rose's Calif. Quake starting at 9 PM, adm. $3. April 14, live band at the "The Filly's Anniv" 9 PM-1 AM. adm. free. April 15, MGW & PATLAR benefit. Watch for more details. April 20, an all-emperor show, 11:30 PM til 2 AM. April 21, Sacto's Coronation, starting at 7 PM. April 22, Coronation brunch starting at 11:30 AM. April 29, Bobbi & Sahdji show, check the bar for time...Monday April 2, Bingo Night at the MERC...April 17, at 8 PM, meet your candidates for emperor & empress at the MERC...There will be an Academy Awards (Oscar Night) April 9 at the MERC, this will be a fun night...The Valley Knights Motorcycle Club presents their annual spring run to Clearlake April 28 & 29. They will travel through scenic portions of California and stay on the shores of beautiful Clearlake in a resort reserved exclusively for their use during the weekend. The run fee: $20, which includes overnight accommodations. The Knights are planning a two-day garage sale this month. Watch for time & place...If you haven't done so, do it now, check out the new video room at the K-ST. BAR. I think you will like what you see. And don't forget their fifties party every second Tuesday of the month. They are still turning out those Sunday brunches (buffet style)...The BWY/LTD continues to serve those good dinners on Thurs., Fri., & Sat. nights, plus brunch on Sun...The STUMBLE INN is doing a complete remodel job. Stop by, you'll like it. Also, every Wed. night they have a pool tournament. $1.00 entry fee...The WRECK ROOM is still packing them in for their Sun. Pig-Out...Check the schedule at BOJANGLES/SCANDALS for their entertainment list. They have some good things coming up...Here is something to keep in mind: My own annual Mother-Of-The-Year Award, Sunday, May 6: food, entertainment, the works...The AIDS Foundation has asked me to extend their gratitude to the GNIE Court of Sacramento for their contributions from the ballots sold for the Camp Award...By the way, May has been designated National High Blood Pressure Month. During May, speakers are available to talk about the dangers of high blood pressure and what can be done about it. The speakers and information are free. In Sacto to arrange for an educational program or speaker, contact Marianne Nockles (916) 447-7063...I heard the best put-down line the other day: "Honey, you are treading on very thin Donna Summers records!"...Dwaine & Mark, welcome back. Your trip has to be the shortest on record...Who said "The most attractive homosexuals are always the stupidest?" This is the reason why many gays believe there is no God...It's not so, John B., Aunt Rose is holding up very well behind the bar at SCANDALS. Or is it the other way around?...Randella & Gang, if you guys are forced to go to a straight bar in drag, you can survive the ordeal by (a) pretending you are doing research--in which case a clipboard would come in handy; or (b) close your eyes and say you are doing it for England...That's it for now.

Steve and Alexis, the newly elected and reigning Duke and Duchess IV of Sacramento, wish to thank all our friends and supporters in our community, and wish to invite you to Duke and Duchess Ball V in late August

SAN FRANCISCO

Lesbian & Gay Associated Engineers and Scientists (LGAES) has organized a new group called Gays Against Psychiatric Assault (GAPA). LGAES has just compiled its first directory of anti-Gay psychiatrists. It lists 50 of the leading anti-Gay researchers and anti-Gay psychiatric activists in the country. In six months LGAES will release an updated directory with 100 names. The directory is available upon request.

GAPA was organized by LGAES to be a separate independent group, but LGAES will continue to provide information on certain relevent technical matters.

The directory will allow gay activists across the country to screen appointees to government positions, such as hospital trustees, mental-health advisory boards, and mental-health commissions. This directory lists the research these individuals have done and their current location if known.

Persons interested in GAPA can write to GAPA, PO Box 4247 San Francisco, CA 94101.

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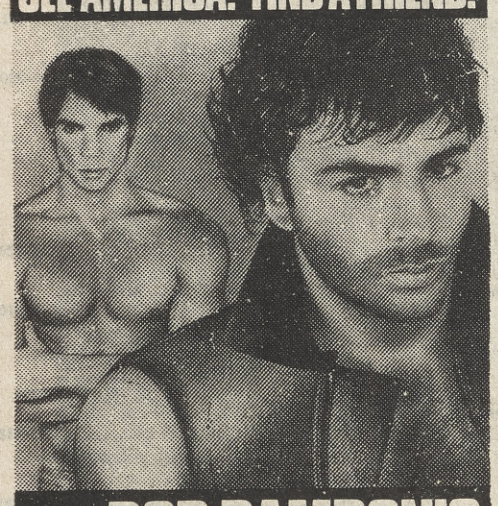
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The Hepatitis Threat

By Patrick Henry

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Within the last few years, AIDS has become a major health concern for gays. The emergence of this disease created concern that has not been unfounded. But a far more pervasive disease that preys on gay men, as well as on others, is hepatitis. And chances are you will find yourself exposed to it at some point in your "social career." This is because it is so easily transmitted.

Viral hepatitis attacks the liver in two distinct forms: IH (virus A or acute infectious), and SH (virus B or homologous serum hepatitis). The illness caused by the two is virtually identical, as is the damage each produces in the victim's liver. The major difference between these two viral agents is the manner of transmission. Most cases of virus A result from eating contaminated food or drinking contaminated water. The incubation period lasts from 14 to 40 days, and by age 40, 30 percent of all Americans are immune, protected by an antibody response that confers life-long immunity.

Hepatitis B is more seriously perilous because it can be spread easily through contact with an infected person's body fluids (including saliva, sweat, and semen). One can recognize at once the course a disease like this can take.

Consequently, 200,000 Americans, including 15 percent of gay men, will develop hepatitis B this year. Ten thousand will be hospitalized. A chronic-carrier state develops in up to ten percent of infections, and chronic active hepatitis occurs in three to five percent of cases. Primary liver cancer occurs 273 times more often than in non-carriers, and 11 percent of all liver cirrhosis is hepatitis B related. Together, these two claim nearly 8000 lives each year. This does not include the 70 percent of cases never detected or reported, estimates Dr. Brett Cassens of Philadelphia Community Health Alternatives' (PCHA) Hepatitis B Vaccine Program.

Early stages of the 40-to-180-day incubation period for hepatitis B may be symptom free. However, the early symptoms may include fever, headache, tiredness, and mild loss of appetite. As more liver cells are injured, symptoms increase with liver enlargement and tenderness.

The treatment of hepatitis B consists mainly of rest and a diet high in protein. This usually includes weeks lost from work and inactivity.

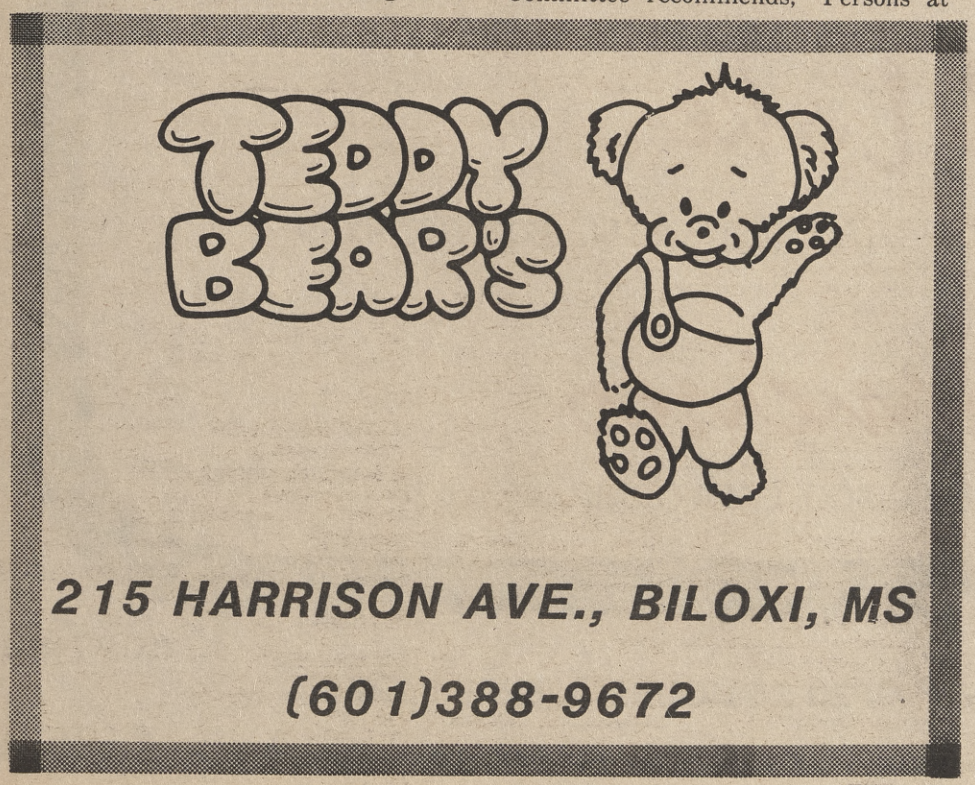
All of this can be avoided. In 1981 the US Food and Drug Administration approved a hepatitis B vaccine composed of immune serum globulin. There is an initial injection which is followed by a second four weeks later and, in six months, a third and final shot. Boosters may be required after several years. No side effects can be expected (besides, perhaps, a sore arm), and the cost runs about $100 to $125. Surely a small sum to insure one's health and safety, it is covered by Blue Cross and public medical assistance (although securing help from the latter can become characteristically complicated).

Since many people contract hepatitis without even knowing about it, many spread it with equal ignorance. Simple blood tests can be taken by your physician or health-service agency to screen for this disease.

Younger people are those who are least likely to have contracted hepatitis and developed immunity. This group, unfortunately, has been least attentive and receptive to efforts at creating awareness of the disease. Why? Besides apathy and general ignorance, it's become clear that AIDS is a greater concern, even though the chances of developing this disease is much less and there is little or nothing that has been determined to avoid it since so little is known about it—indeed, that all should take—to avoid the emotional frustrations of contracting the disease and becoming ill, bed-ridden, and socially separated. And there is a responsibility to others that each of us has to be certain not to spread this to our lovers, friends, family, and to anyone else whom we might infect.

This brings us to the question: Who should be vaccinated? For the above reasons, everyone who has not had it already, advises Dr. Cassens. From blood tests to immunization, hepatitis B is an illness that can be contained within our community. It is necessary. One bartender I randomly questioned has never been ill or immunized, but serves drinks to hundreds of patrons. So certainly this includes all bartenders, food-service personnel (waiters, porters, chefs, etc.), medical personnel and even hairdressers. The US Public Health Services Immunization Practices Advisory Committee recommends, "Persons at substantial risk of HBV infection should be vaccinated—as soon as possible after beginning work in a high-risk environment." Consider it, if you must, a job-related responsibility, along with appropriate education and required dress. But basic concern for the health of oneself and others should motivate us to heighten our awareness regarding this and other viruses and sexually transmitted diseases, and to support the efforts of others who are engaging in tackling these health threats.

Author's Postscript: In May 1983, during a routine blood check, I was found to have hepatitis B. I was unaware of this as I was not the least bit ill at the time. Nevertheless, I was forced to quit work and to limit, to an excruciating degree, my contact with others. For me, who never suffered from physical distress (discounting mild jaundice which appeared briefly), the discomfort was distinctly emotional and financial.



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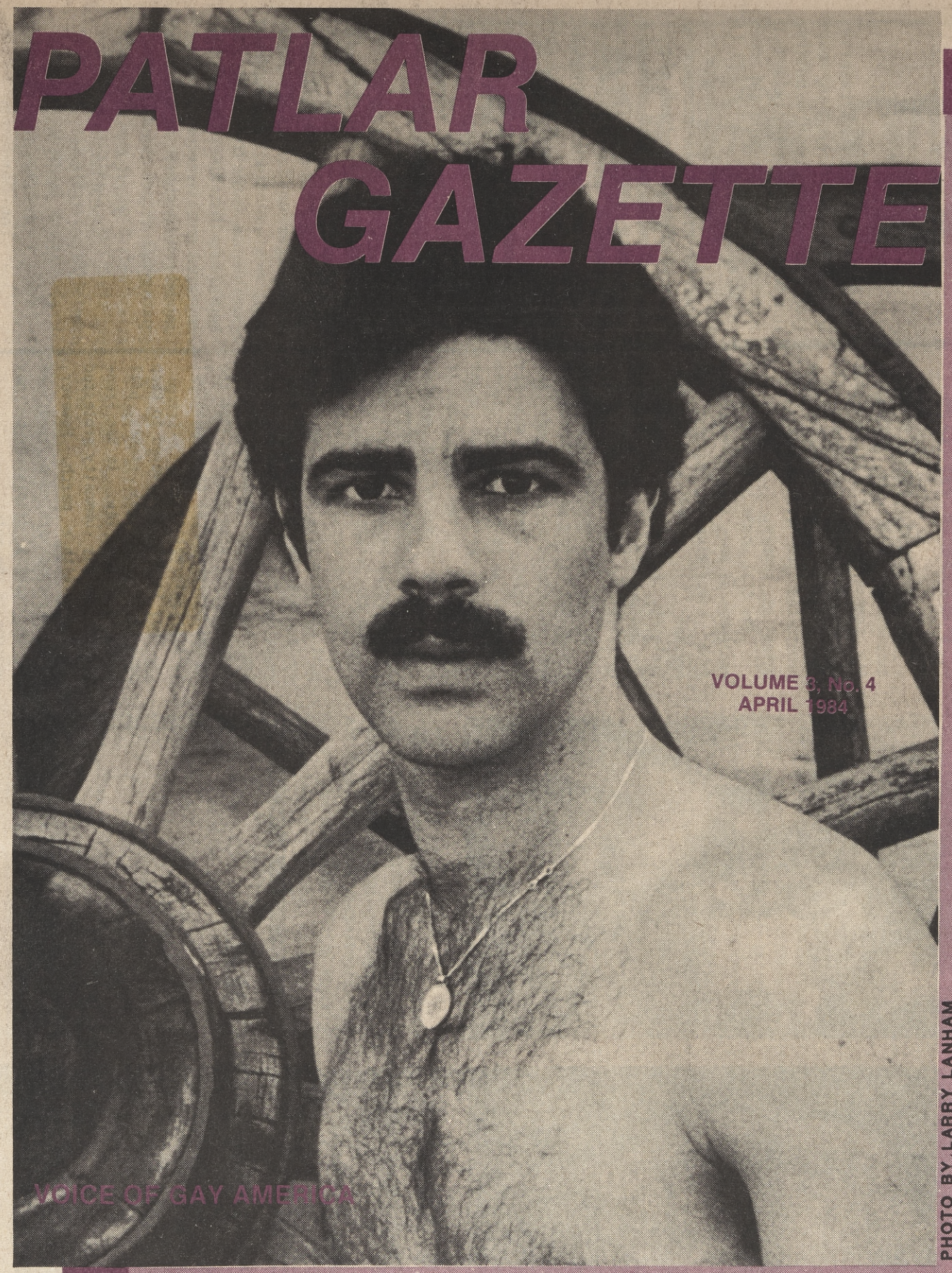

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